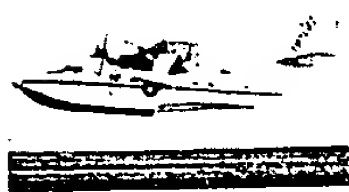


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chanics concerned with the properties of gases and liquids.

fluid ounce *n.* 1. A unit of volume or capacity in the US Customary System, used in liquid measure, equal to 29.57 milliliters (1.804 cubic inches). 2. A unit of volume or capacity in the British Imperial System, used in liquid and dry measure, equal to 28.41 milliliters (1.734 cubic inches).

fluke¹ (flōk) *n.* 1. Any of various flatfishes, esp. a flounder of the genus *Paralichthys*. 2. See **trematode**. [ME < OE *flōc*. See *plāk* in App.]

fluke² (flōk) *n.* 1. *Nautical* The triangular blade at the end of an arm of an anchor, designed to catch in the ground. 2. A barb or barbed head, as on an arrow. 3. Either of the two horizontally flattened divisions of a whale's tail. [Poss. < FLUKE¹.]

fluke³ (flōk) *n.* 1. A stroke of good luck. 2. A chance occurrence; an accident. 3. *Games* An accidentally good or successful stroke in billiards or pool. [?]

fluk-y also **fluk-ey** (flōk'ē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1. Resulting from or depending on mere chance. 2. Constantly shifting; uncertain. [< FLUKE³.] —**fluk'i-ly** *adv.* —**fluk'i-ness** *n.*

flume (flōm) *n.* 1. A narrow gorge, usu. with a stream flowing through it. 2. An open artificial channel or chute carrying a stream of water, as for conveying logs. 3. A small swimming pool designed with a propeller or pump to generate a current, allowing a swimmer to swim in place. [ME *flum*, river < OFr. < Lat. *flumen* < *fluere*, to flow.]

flum-mer-y (flūm'ā-rē) *n.*, *pl.* -ies 1. Meaningless or deceptive language; humbug. 2a. Any of several soft, sweet, bland foods, such as custard. b. A sweet gelatinous pudding made by straining boiled oatmeal or flour. c. A soft dessert of stewed, thickened fruit, often mixed with a grain such as rice. [Welsh *llymru*, soft jelly from sour oatmeal.]

flum-mox (flūm'aks) *tr.v.* -moxed, -mox-ing, -mox-es *Informal* To confuse; perplex. [Prob. of E. dialectal orig.]

flung (flūng) *v.* Past tense and past participle of **fling**.

flu-ni-traz-e-pam (flō'nī-trāz'ā-pām) *n.* An illegal sedative drug, C₁₇H₁₇FN₃O₅, known for its use as a date-rape drug. [FLU(ORO)- + NITR(O)- + (DI)AZEPAM.]

flunk (flūngk) *Informal v.* **flunked**, **flunk-ing**, **flunks** —*intr.* To fail, esp. in a course or an examination. —*tr.* 1. To fail (an examination or course). 2. To give a failing grade to. ♦ *n.* 1. The act or an instance of flunking. 2. A failing grade. —**phrasal verb:** **flunk out** To expel or be expelled from a school or course because of work below standard. [?] —**flunk'er** *n.*

flun-ky also **flun-key** (flūng'kē) *n.*, *pl.* -kies also -keys 1. A person of slavish or unquestioning obedience; a lackey. 2. One who does menial or trivial work; a drudge. 3. A liveried manservant. [Sc., perh. < FLANKER, an attendant at one's flank.] —**flun'ky-ism** *n.*

flu-or (flōō'ōr', -ər) *n.* See **fluorite**. [NLat., mineral belonging to a group used as fluxes < Lat., a flowing < *fluere*, to flow.]

fluor- *pref.* Variant of **fluoro-**.

fluor-esce (flōō-rēs', flō-, flō-) *intr.v.* -resced, -resc-ing, -resc-es To undergo, produce, or show fluorescence. [Back-formation < FLUORESCENCE.] —**fluor-esce'r** *n.*

fluor-es-ce-in (flōō-rēs'ē-in, flō-, flō-) *n.* A compound, C₂₀H₁₂O₈, that exhibits intense fluorescence in alkaline solution and is used in medicine and to trace water flow.

fluor-es-cence (flōō-rēs'āns, flō-, flō-) *n.* 1. The emission of electromagnetic radiation, esp. of visible light, stimulated in a substance by the absorption of incident radiation and persisting only as long as the stimulating radiation is continued. 2. The property of emitting such radiation. 3. The radiation so emitted. [FLUOR(SPAR) + -ESCENCE.]

fluor-es-cent (flōō-rēs'ānt, flō-, flō-) *adj.* 1a. Of or relating to fluorescence. b. Exhibiting or produced by fluorescence: **fluorescent plankton**. 2. Glowing as if with fluorescence; vivid: **fluorescent colors**. ♦ *n.* A fluorescent lamp.

fluorescent lamp *n.* A lamp that produces visible light by fluorescence, esp. a glass tube whose inner wall is coated with a material that fluoresces when an electrical current causes a vapor within the tube to discharge electrons.

fluor-i-date (flōōr'i-dāt', flōr', flōr') *tr.v.* -dat-ed, -dat-ing, -dates To add a fluorine compound to (a drinking water supply, for example) for the purpose of reducing tooth decay. —**fluor'i-da-tion** *n.*

fluor-ide (flōōr'id', flōr', flōr') *n.* A binary compound of fluorine with another element. [FLUOR(INE) + -IDE.]

fluor-i-na-tion (flōōr'i-nā'shān, flōr', flōr') *n.* A chemical reaction that introduces fluorine into a compound.

fluor-ine (flōōr'ēn', -in, flōr', flōr') *n.* Symbol **F** A highly corrosive poisonous gaseous halogen element, the most reactive of all the elements, used in a wide variety of industrially important compounds. Atomic number 9; atomic weight 18.9984; melting point -223°C; boiling point -188.14°C; specific gravity of liquid 1.108 (at boiling point); valence 1. See table at **element**.

fluor-ite (flōōr'it', flōr', flōr') *n.* A mineral, CaF₂, that is often fluorescent in ultraviolet light.

fluoro- or **fluor-** *pref.* 1. Fluorine: **fluorosis**. 2. Fluorescence: **fluoroscope**. [< FLUORINE and < FLUOR.]

fluor-o-car-bon (flōōr'ō-kār'bān, flōr', flōr') *n.* An inert liquid or gaseous halocarbon compound in which fluorine replaces

some or all hydrogen atoms, used in aerosol propellants and refrigerants and in making plastics and resins.

fluor-o-chem-i-cal (flōōr'ō-kēm'i-kāl, flōr', flōr') *n.* A chemical compound containing fluorine, esp. a fluorocarbon.

fluor-o-chrome (flōōr'ō-krōm', flōr', flōr') *n.* Any of a group of fluorescent dyes used to stain biological specimens.

fluorog-ra-phy (flōō-rōg'rā-fē, flō-, flō-) *n.* See **photofluorography**.

fluor-om-e-ter (flōō-rōm'i-tēr, flō-, flō-) *n.* An instrument to detect and measure fluorescence. —**fluor-om'e-try** *n.*

fluor-o-scope (flōōr'ō-skōp', flōr', flōr') *n.* An x-ray device equipped with a fluorescent screen on which the internal structures of an optically opaque object may be continuously viewed as shadowy images. ♦ *tr.v.* -scop-ed, -scop-ing, -scopes To examine the interior of (an object) with a fluoroscope. —**fluor-scop'ic** (-skōp'ik) *adj.*

fluor-o-s-co-py (flōō-rōs'kō-pē, flō-, flō-) *n.*, *pl.* -pies 1. Examination by means of a fluoroscope. —**fluor-ros'co-pist** *n.*

fluor-o-sis (flōō-rō'sis, flō-, flō-) *n.* An abnormal condition caused by excessive intake of fluorine, characterized chiefly by mottling of the teeth. —**fluor-rot'ic** (-rōt'ik) *adj.*

fluor-o-u-ra-cil (flōōr'ō-yōōr'ā-sil, flōr', flōr') *n.* An antineoplastic agent, C₈H₅FN₂O₂, used esp. in the treatment of cancers of the skin, breast, and digestive system.

flu-or-spar (flōō'r-spār', flōōr'spār') *n.* See **fluorite**.

flu-ox-e-tine hydrochloride (flōō'ōk'si-tēn') *n.* An oral antidepressant that enhances the activity of serotonin in the central nervous system. [Prob. FLU(ORO)- + alteration of OXY- + (AM)INE.]

flur-ry (flūr'e, flūr'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries 1. A brief light snowfall. 2a. A sudden gust of wind. b. A stirring mass, as of dust; a shower. 3. A sudden burst or commotion; a stir. 4. A short period of active trading, as on a stock exchange. ♦ *v.* -ried, -ry-ing, -ries —*tr.* To agitate, stir, or confuse. —*intr.* To move or come down in a flurry. [Perh. < *flurr*, to scatter.]

flush¹ (flūsh) *v.* **flushed**, **flush-ing**, **flush-es** —*intr.* 1. To turn red, as from fever, embarrassment, or strong emotion: **flushed**. 2. To glow, esp. with a reddish color. 3. To flow suddenly and abundantly, as from containment; flood. 4. To be emptied or cleared by a rapid flow of water, as a toilet. —*tr.* 1. To cause to red or glow. 2. To excite or elate. 3a. To clean, rinse, or empty with a rapid flow of a liquid, esp. water. b. To remove or eliminate, as if by flushing. ♦ *n.* 1a. A flooding flow or rush, as of water. b. The act of cleaning or rinsing by or as if by flushing. 2. A glow or glow. 3a. A reddening of the skin, as with fever or exertion. b. A brief sensation of heat over all or part of the body. 4. A rush or strong feeling. 5. A state of freshness or vigor. ♦ *adj.* **flush** 1. Having a healthy reddish color: **flushed**. 2. Having an abundant supply of money; affluent. 3. Marked by elegance; plentiful. 4. Swelling; overflowing. 5a. Having surfaces on the same plane; even. b. Arranged with adjacent sides, surfaces, or edges close together. c. **Printing** Aligned evenly with a margin, as along an edge of a typeset page; not indented. 6. Direct, straightforward, or solid. 7. Designed to be emptied or cleared by flushing. ♦ *adv.* 1. So as to be even, in one plane, or aligned with a margin. 2. Squarely or solidly. [Prob. < FLUSH, to flush out.] —**flush'er** *n.* —**flush'ness** *n.*

flush² (flūsh) *n.* *Games* A hand in which all the cards are of the same suit but not in numerical sequence. [Fr. *flux*, *flux* < Lat. *fluxus*, flux. See **FLUX**.]

flush³ (flūsh) *v.* **flushed**, **flush-ing**, **flush-es** —*tr.* 1. To flush (a game bird, for example) from cover. 2. To drive or force out. —*intr.* To dart out or fly from cover. ♦ *n.* A burst or flock of birds that has been frightened from cover. [ME *flush*, to flush. See **FLUSH**.]

Flush-ing (flūsh'ing) 1. A section of New York City in N Queens W Long I.; site of two world's fairs (1939-40 and 1964-68). See **Flushing**.

flus-ter (flūs'tēr) *tr. & intr.v.* -tered, -ter-ing, -ters 1. To make become nervous or upset. ♦ *n.* A state of agitation, confusion, or excitement: **traffic that put the driver in a fluster**. [All fluster, agitation, prob. of Scand. orig. See **pleu-** in App.]

flute (flōōt) *n.* 1. *Music* a. A high-pitched woodwind instrument consisting of a slender tube closed at one end with keys and finger holes on the side and an opening near the closed end through which the breath is blown. b. Any of various similar woodwind instruments, such as the recorder. 2a. A tall narrow wineglass. b. A similar groove or fluting on a piece of furniture. 3. A tall narrow wineglass. ♦ *v.* -fluted, -flutes —*tr.* 1. *Music* To play (a tune) on a flute (for example). —*intr.* 1. *Music* To play a flute. 2. To sing or speak with a flutelike tone. [ME *floute* < OFr. *flaute* < Ital. *flauto*, perh. a blend of *flaut*, flageolet < VLAT. see **FLAGEOLET** and *laut*, lute; see **LUTE**.] —**flut'er** *v.* —**flut'y** *adj.*

flut-ing (flōō'ting) *n.* 1a. *Architecture* A decorative molding consisting of a series of uniform, usu. vertical flutes. b. The act of incising or making grooves. 2. The grooves formed by pleats in cloth.

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